

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, October 9, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building – Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Trujillo. Board Members present: Clark, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, Board Clerk Tilson, Associate General Counsel Chavez.

PLEDGE TO FLAG led by the Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

METRO CABLE 14 ANNOUNCEMENT

The open session Meeting is videotaped for cablecast on Metro Cable 14. Replay on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 PM and Monday, October 13 at 6:00 PM on Channel 14; Webcast at www.sacmetroable.tv. A VHS copy is also available for checkout from any library branch.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals addressed the Board expressing support of the integrity and leadership of Board President Trujillo in response to controversial comments and allegations made by the District's General Counsel at a previous public Board meeting:

Bob Balgenorth
Bill Camp
Greg Larkins

Scott Wetch
Nicole Villaseñor
Paul R. Broyles

In addition, a letter of public support for President Trujillo from Jimmy R. Lewis was read into the record by Mr. Broyles and placed on file.

Captain Skip Nance and Captain Jeff Hickman representing Sacramento Fire Fighters Local 522 clarified the Union's support of President Trujillo and encouraged the Board to work together.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Board Meeting Action Summary—September 11, 2008**
2. **Board Meeting Action Summary—September 25, 2008**

- **Board Action:**

Kelly/Engellenner—approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Clark, Engellenner, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Lawson, abstained. Director Goold, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S): None

PRESENTATION ITEM(S) None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT—(Trujillo)

- Working on some dates for the Special Board Workshop meeting on policies.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT—(Mette)

- October 7, 2008 – four Sacramento City Fire fighters were injured in a two-alarm residential fire on Stilt Court. The Captain suffered severe burns to his hand and moderate burns to the face, neck, and upper torso and was released from the hospital today.
- Attended the California Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference last week in Riverside.
- July 24, 2008 – The Board was briefed on the status of the training facility site at Mather Air Park. Staff has been moving forward on direction given to find a way to build the training facility and be innovative.

Work continues on the development of the Zinfandel/Mather Training site. An overview was provided of a concept for a California Statewide Public Safety Training Facility developed through meetings with a coalition of various agencies throughout the state to include Los Angeles County Fire, Homeland Security, Cal Fire and the Sacramento County Sheriffs. The Mather site would be one of a series of campuses located throughout the State, each specializing in a different aspect of multi-discipline/all hazards training. The campuses would be centrally administered, with the development of the site initially managed by an expansion of the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority. Discussions to date with Fire and Law Enforcement leaders throughout the State on this concept have been promising.

- The current phase of the Strategic Planning process will continue next week with two workshops to be held October 14 and 15 at the Training Academy at McClellan.
- Captain Jeff Lynch stated Fox 40 recently expanded its morning news. As part of that expansion, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District will be rotating appearances every one to two months to showcase some of the specialty training and expertise of the men and women of our department.

A video clip from a Channel 40 broadcast of a simulated high rescue segment with Truck 23 and Engine 24 was shown.

- **OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT –**

Report by Deputy Chief Geoff Miller:

Working Incidents –

7 working structure fires and 12 grass fires since the last Board meeting.

There was a fatal bus crash in Colusa County last week. Metro Fire Engineer Brian Swindler with E24 and Rescue 20 responded at the request of the Incident Commander to assist the heavy tow truck operators in moving the bus out of the ditch.

Medical Aid –

Received a letter from Judy Finn acknowledging Fire Fighter/Paramedic Eric Gravin for going above and beyond his normal duties in taking care of her husband who was transported to Kaiser North Hospital.

Operational Issues –

There are three divisions within the Operations Section managed as follows: Training/Safety – Battalion Chief Walt White; Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Duane Arend; and Special Operations – Battalion Chief Dave Brown.

In the near future, each division will provide a brief report on activities and accomplishments within these areas.

Health –

Captain Jim Peterson is back in the hospital. Many of his fellow firefighters chipped in to improve his backyard so he can have a nice place to recuperate once he is released.

▪ **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION REPORT –**

Report by Deputy Chief Jim Eastman:

Community Services –

On-going projects and preparations:

- Awards Ceremony in 2009
- iPOD grant to be finished by December
- Blight Busters in Rancho Cordova – October 24
- Fire Station Resource boxes
- Cordova High Public Safety Academy – October 16 through December 11.
Invitation to Director Granados to attend on October 30 at 9:00 a.m.—
Careers in Fire Service
- Station 29 Open House – tentative in early December
- Thanked Operations for assistance in numerous Public Education events

Facilities Division –

- Completed sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs at Station 103
- Assisting Station 42 and 62 on living area improvements
- Station 28 office improvements to begin October 20

Fire Prevention Bureau Activities –

- Fire Marshal Mike Stewart appointed to State Fire Marshal's Residential Fire Sprinkler System & Water Supply Task Force
- Bureau personnel attended "free" training sessions on Clean Agent Fire Suppression Systems October 8 and 9
- Assisted Citrus Heights Building Department and Code Enforcement Division with two "Halloween Haunted Houses"
- Provided Fire District comment for Rancho Cordova Planning Department analysis on a proposed 8-story Embassy Suites and 4-story Candlewood Suites at Folsom Boulevard/Kilgore Road

Fleet –

- Engine 108 in service last week
- Ordered 4 new ambulances to arrive March 2009
- 3 new Pierce engines arriving next week

Logistics –

- Annual inspection of Personal Protection Equipment continuing
- Purchased lockers for Station 29

Information Technology –

- Reprogramming VHF mobile radios – 35% complete

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Chavez)

- General Counsel Margarita met today with the consultant that has been working to redraft 36 District policies. Upon his return, he will be conferring with Board Clerk Tilson to schedule a special Board workshop meeting to review and consider these proposed revisions of our current policies.
- In response to Director Lawson, currently planning to have the special Board workshop meeting prior to bringing the policies forward to the Policy Committee.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**Executive Committee—(Trujillo)**

- Next Meeting: TBD

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Next Meeting: October 28, 2008 – 10:30 AM

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Kelly)

- Next Meeting: TBD

Finance Committee—(Valley)

- Received report on today's meeting.
- Next Meeting: November 13, 2008 – 5:00 PM

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Next Meeting: No meeting until after the Special Board Workshop.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Granados:**

- Thanked Deputy Chief Eastman for his October 30th reminder.
- Last month the Code hearings were held. For the first time, there will be residential sprinkler systems in the 2011 Fire Prevention Code.
- Thanked Captain Monahan for giving him and the Facilities Director at Aerojet a tour of Station 29. The quality of the workmanship and durability of the construction were impressive.

Lawson:

- Thanked those who spoke this evening. He clarified one issue and felt this Board basically works close together on issues that are beneficial and in the best interests of not only our constituents but also the staff that works for Metro Fire.
- Thanked Steve Borglund and George Gravin for their community service at the Fair Oaks Chicken Festival last month.
- As a Community Services liaison to the United Way, he presented a plaque to Skip Nance in recognition of Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522 and the fire fighters contributions to community services and involvement in the Fire Fighters Burn Institute which is a certified agency underneath the United Way. The inscription read: "A special thanks to friends of Working Families."

Thanked Director Kelly for his participation in the Community Impact Charity Golf Tournament event held last Friday in Davis, California which benefits the United Way and the community.

Kelly:

- Earlier this week he stopped by Station 29. It is substantially completed. He offered his services to help Pat Monahan generate the punch list when the time comes to critique the work of the contractor.

Valley:

- We all need to have a professional way of treating each other even if we disagree. We are leaders of the community and should remain professional so that in the public eye, we are not wasting public time.

Engellenner:

- Thanked the constituents and 522 who came up and spoke on behalf of the Board President. Commended him for doing a good job.

Trujillo:

- Thanked the staff for their reports.
- Thanked the men and women in the Sacramento Metropolitan fire service who are the best.
- The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District appreciate public interest and welcome questions and opinions at every meeting. Thanked the speakers who came tonight and stated we encourage public comment from our constituents.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:20 PM

[Taken out of order after Consent Agenda]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 6:30 PM

[Director Jones departed]

Report by Associate General Counsel Chavez:

CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Two Cases

- A. Christopher Kellogg v Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2006051557

The Board heard the medical evidence and by a unanimous vote of the Board members present gave direction to staff to proceed with the settlement.

- B. Barbara Safford v Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2006054954

The Board heard medical evidence. By a vote of 5-Yes, 2-No, 1-Abstention, and 1-Absent, staff was directed to proceed with the settlement.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(f)

- A. District Negotiator: Fire Chief Don Mette
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

The Board was given an update and took no action.

- B. District Negotiator: Fire Chief Don Mette
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Organization/Teamsters Local 150

The Board was given an update on pending labor negotiations and took no action.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ray Trujillo, President

Gregory A. Granados, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board